



The Catholic Churches

St. Edward Elmdale St. Francis of Assisi St. Francis St. Mary Upsala

Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023

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RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
 Saturday: St. Edward: 7:30pm - 7:45pm
 Sunday: St. Francis: 7:30am -7:45am, St. Mary: 9:30am - 9:45am
PRAYER LINES
 (SM) Karen Liebsch 573-4127 & Kathy Koehn 573-2363
 (SF) Judy Theisen 573-2933 & Joyce Koopmeiners 573-2728
 (SE) Sally Schleper 573-2127

Three Saints News

Wedding BANNS II

Christopher Groth & Rachel Prom
June 9, 2023 St. Mary, Upsala

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Bishop Patrick Neary hereby grant delegation to carry out the Rite of Commissioning of those parishioners listed: Bob Theisen & Alice Westrich from St. Francis and Lori Fellegly (homebound) & Ted Lewandowski from St Edward's. Thank you for volunteering to get involved in this ministry.

Corpus Christi Procession June 11 in St Francis at 2pm

Mary and the Saints (ACC), which is our six parishes from the Holdingford and Upsala area will be hosting this ever-important day. Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

Please come and join us for our Potluck Meal from 1-2pm. St. Francis: Organize the Procession; St Edward's: bring side dishes; St Mary's: bring desserts; Meats: burgers, brats & hot dogs provided. Any questions, please contact members: Matt Herzog 290-6242, Syl Tschida 405-9680 or Renee Scholz 232-5069. All Mass Servers from our six parishes (bring your server outfit or St. Francis has many sizes available) along with First Communicants and other grade school children are asked to join in the Procession.

Ordination to the Diaconate: June 10 at 10:30am

Please join us at St Mary's Cathedral. Daniel Ruprecht from Eden Valley and Kevin Soenneker from Sauk Centre will be taking this next step as they prepare for the priesthood. What a blessing to have two new priests for our diocese in 2024! Kevin's teaching parishes are the Holdingford area churches, so please come and show your support. Leo Wehseler from Pierz will be ordained as a Permanent Deacon.

Priest's Retreat in Ohio: June 12-16

Fr David along with another priest friend from the diocese will be flying out to Steubenville, Ohio for a time to deepen their faith lives. Franciscan University is special place where young people are on fire with their Catholic faith. Please note there will be no weekday Masses during this time.

Pray for us:

Raymond Kurowski, Margaret Carlson, Ken & Pat Euteneuer, Ron Dingmann, Kristy Brezinka, Donna Scholz, Irene Lashinski, Darwin Binek, Kathy Hennek, Marjorie Lehner, Carol Langner, Judy Gerads, Rose Beniek, Dennis Biniek, Marlene Vornbrock, Roger Thell, Alan Schumer, Jim Negen, Joe Primus & Gary Larson

"RECEIVE THE
HOLY SPIRIT."

Lord, send out
your Spirit,
and renew the face
of the earth.
PS 104:1

Mass, Devotions & Events Schedule

Monday 5/29		<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</i>
9am St. Mary's	†	Veterans killed in action
Tuesday 5/30		
6pm St. Mary	†	Brian Lange ~Beth Lange & Family
Wednesday 5/31		<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
8am St. Francis	†	Arnold Scholz
6pm St. Mary's Cemetery	†	Deceased Parishioners 2022-23
Thursday 6/1		<i>Saint Justin, Martyr</i>
8am St. Edward		Living and Deceased members of the Hartung Family ~Renee Wensmann *Anointing of the Sick Adoration
12 noon-9pm St. Mary		
Friday 6/2		<i>Saints Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs</i>
9am St. Mary	†	David Huls *Anointing of the Sick Adoration
St. Edward 12 noon-9pm		
Weekend Masses		The Most Holy Trinity
Saturday 6/3		
10am Senior Living		Mass in Upsala
8pm St. Edward		For the People
Sunday 6/4		
8am St. Francis	†	Catherine & Leo Hartung ~Kari & Ervin Hartung
10am St. Mary	†	Joe & Irene Langner ~Dennis & Carol Langner

Youth

Totus Tuus: July 9-14

After our 10am Mass, Jamie Heurung will speak for a few moments. Learn more about how you can register or help out. This week is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by college students. From catechetical sessions, Sacraments, and Mass to songs, games and skits – your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their faith! More information will be coming. Registration forms are in the entrance of our churches.

The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is made up of youth in grades 9-12 from a variety of parishes from across the diocese. These youth meet 5-6 times annually. Please visit <https://stcdio.org/cem/faith-formation/leadershiptraining/> to learn more. You can also apply on our website.

Pray for Vocations

Vocation Camp: June 20-22

Camp (on a lake near Avon) for young men grades 7-12. Visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023VocationCamp>. Families welcome to attend Mass on June 22 at 11am with potluck lunch to follow. Cost: \$40 Scholarship available. Contact: Julie Jacobs 251-5001 jjacobs@gw.stcdio.org.

Nun Run: June 27-29 Are you a woman who has thought about religious life? Young women ages 16-23 are invited for a Nun Run visiting religious orders across the state. Go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2023NunRun> or call 320-251-5001.

Please help our Youth grow in Faith!

Faith Formation

Confirmation and Grades 7-10 Teachers Needed

Some good old catholic guilt coming your way. Did you know that St. Alexius Parish in West Union have fourteen people involved with Children's Liturgy of the Word? This past year, they also had fifteen people committed as faith formation catechists, assistants, and office helpers!

ST. EDWARD'S NEWS**Saturday, June 3- 8pm****EM of HC:** Dorene Czeck**Lector:** Jerry Theisen**Servers:** Volunteers**Ushers:** Jim Wensmann & Justin Wensmann**Greeters:** Megan Wensmann**Gift Bearers:** Dennis & Diana Trettel

Thank you - The Family of Leonard & Joan Czech donated a bench for the basement. The back and seat came from the St. Michael's Church in Farmington and the sides came from the St. Pius V Church in Cannon Falls. They also donated a Pall & Altar cloth.

ST FRANCIS' NEWS**June Ushers:** Frank & Joyce Koopmeiners**June Bank Deposit:** Colleen Harren**Sunday, June 4 - 8am****EM of HC:** Rebecca Schmidt,

Brittany Harren (c), Janelle Roerick (c)

Lector: Mary Jane Boeckermann**Servers:** Volunteers**Gift Bearers:** Gerald & Julie Roerick

Having a garage sale or graduation party? We have 10 tables and 150 chairs to rent out. Tables are \$5 and chairs are \$.50. Call Bob at 573-2933 to reserve what you need.

Fall Festival: August 27

It is again time of the year to gather items for the silent auction. Canned pickles, jelly, craft items all go well. Call or text Carol 320/290-9790, Jane 320/232-3290, Rosanne 320/249-8910 or Kathy 320/293-7485, with question or donations. Thank You!

Thank You to all who supported the Mothers Day Flower Fund-raiser for Elevate. We were able to raise over \$150 for Elevate.

Jane Keppers New Trustee

What might the Good Lord be inviting you to do for our parish? This position has five two-year terms. Mary Jane Boeckermann has completed her 5th term, which was ten years! Please remember to thank both Mary Jane and Jane for their willingness to share their gifts and talents.

ST MARY'S NEWS**Sunday, June 4- 10am****EM of HC:** Cindy Koehn

LeAnn Beneke (c), Jan Kilian(c)

Lector: Mary Hollenkamp**Servers:** Emily Ripplinger**Ushers:** Matt Ripplinger & Rhonda Ripplinger**Greeters:** Mary Frie**Gift Bearers:** Patrick & Lisa Zabinski**Bank Deposit:** Tom Kilian

Congratulations to Paige Gerads, winner of this year's \$500 St. Mary's Scholarship

Morrison County Food Shelf

"Thank you for your generous donation of \$543 on April 27 (Holy Thursday food drive). Thanks to you as we are able to continue our mission to address food insecurity in our community. In 2022, we had 3,171 visits to the food shelf. We distributed 241,000 pounds of food during these visits. Again, thank you for your generosity."

Peter's Pence Collection

This worldwide collection supports the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Please take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous this weekend. For more information, visit: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

WEEKEND COLLECTION May 21, 2023

St. Edward: Adult: \$603, Loose:\$22, Catholic Home Mission: \$5, Ascension: \$95 **Total: \$725**

St. Francis: Adult: \$870, Loose: \$158, Cemetery: \$10, Ascension: \$ 60 **Total: \$ 1,098**

St. Mary: Adult: \$2,573, Loose: \$118.64, Ascension: \$85 **Total: \$2,776.64**

Three Saints News**Join us for Masses in our Cemeteries**

Please note our cemetery Masses during the month of June. Special graces for our + deceased loved ones when we gather in prayer. Mass intentions will be for parishioners who died in 2022-23: May 31 at 6pm in St Mary's, June 7 at 7:30pm in St Francis and June 21 at 7pm in St Edward's. I was visiting a home near the South Elmdale area and came across St Mary's Orthodox Cemetery. What a beautiful resting place. Did you know there are over ten Koczur headstones there? Heather Lynn Koczur was only 35 years of age when she died January 21, 2020. Any interest to have a cemetery Mass there?" Fr David

St. Cloud Diocese Council of Catholic Women: June 15

Hopeful Hearts: Annual Fun, Food and Fund Day at St. Andrew's Catholic Church (566 4th Street N.W. Elk River, MN. Cost \$20 payable to Lora Knafla (11719 16th Ave. N.W. , Rice, MN 56367) (320) 393-2701. Continental Breakfast and Silent Auction begins at 9am Speaker at 9:45am Mass at 11am followed by lunch. Please Register by June 4. For questions contact Arleen Roelike (320) 282-9941

Save the Date - All City Women's Mixer: July 19th

Please join us at Jordies Trail Side Café, Bowlus for a get together and a Chicken Buffet Style Meal (around \$15-cash appreciated). Please RSVP at the Central Office (320) 573-2132 or any of our area churches.

Our Central Office at St. Mary's will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. Thank you.

Area Church Events**Bus Pilgrimage and Cultural Excursion: June 1**

Join Fr. Ben Kociemba on a Bus Pilgrimage June 1 from 8am-7pm. We will be touring churches designed by Victor Cordella who we believe designed St. Edward's in Elmdale, and we know he designed Holy Cross in North Prairie, Christ the King in Browerville, Our Lady of Lourdes in Little Falls, Sts. Peter & Paul in Gilman, Our Lady of the Angels in Sauk Centre, and the Poor Clare Monastery in Sauk Rapids. We will be starting at Little Falls, going to Browerville, Sauk Centre, Buffalo, Delano, and NE Minneapolis. We will end with daily Mass at Holy Cross in NE Minneapolis. Cost is \$75. Lunch is included. Register online at HavenofMercyCatholic.org or call Michael Retka with any questions at (320) 232-5898.

Eucharistic Revival First Friday Novena : June 2

Join people from around the diocese for a Cor Jesu (Heart of Jesus) First Friday Novena - an evening of Mass, Adoration and reconciliation. Visit: [www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic - Revival](http://www.stcdio.org/Eucharistic-Revival). This is part of the Eucharistic Revival to strengthen, educate and celebrate the beauty of the Catholic Church. The next event is at St. Mary's, Alexandria at 6:30pm with Fr. Matthew Kuhn.

Notes from Father David

"The Lord is Risen!" This weekend we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, fulfilling the promise Jesus made to His disciples before He ascended to the Father. We ourselves were filled with the Holy Spirit at our baptism, along with the gifts the Holy Spirit bestowed upon us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. Drawn here together by the Holy Spirit, we recall the moment when the first disciples received the power that allowed them to carry out the mission Jesus left them. May the Holy Spirit energize us on the Christian mission as well.

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. You will find that some veterans find it dismaying when they are thanked on this day. It is a time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind, as well as reflecting on why we—the living—have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. I hope to see you at our services tomorrow in Upsala. "He is Risen indeed!"